

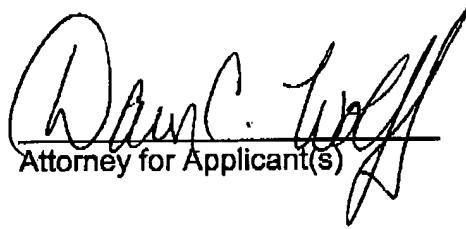
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Amendment After Allowance

Remarks/Arguments

Per telephonic conversation with the Examiner, the Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-8 and 10-15, and amended Claim 9 to incorporate all the elements of independent Claim 9 therein. Additionally, Applicant has modified Figure 1 to more clearly show the relief cuts in the connecting rod as claimed in Claim 9. Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner. It is believed that these amendments satisfy the Examiner's request and that the application, with these modifications, continues to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information or modifications, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number provided.

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